MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government believe the Controlling Officer to be in the know of this defalcation when it took place?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government believe that he was *not* aware of it when it took place.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): The answer given by t he Government to part (*b*) (i) of my question is not a specific one. I wish to know whether a general check of the accounts relating to the Patents and Designs Department for the whole period of Mr. Krishna Aiyar's term of office has been ordered?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That has been ordered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether there is not sufficient evidence to call for the explanation of the Controlling Officer for the dereliction of duty involved?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): After checking all the accounts, explanation, if found necessary, will be called for from the Controlling Officer. There were more Controlling Officers than one during Mr. Krishna Aiyar's term of office.

The Epidemiologist and the Entomologist.

73. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the exact duties and functions of the Epidemiologist and the Entomologist; and

(*b*) whether the above functionaries are permanently stationed at Trivandrum?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The duties and functions of the Epidemiologist are the collection of accurate data in regard to the occurrence of infectious diseases and of births and deaths and infantile mortality in the Vilavankod taluk. The Entomologist is concerned with the investigation into insect-borne diseases.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know whether the work of the functionary mentioned is confined to a particular taluk?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Works regarding infectious diseases are carried on in the Vilavankod taluk only.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Then, may I know why he is stationed at Trivandrum?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): He has other work to do besides the work of the Epidemiologist. He is the Assistant to the Honorary Adviser of Public Health. He has also to supervise the work relating to hookworms.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Are these functionaries under the Sanitary Department?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No; they are under the Honorary Adviser, Public Health.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know wether there is any other agency in the Sanitary Department to furnish the data regarding births and deaths?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, the Sanitary Department has got this agency.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Does the member mean to say that there are two agencies to furnish data in the matter of births and deaths?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The agency under the Honorary Adviser, Public Health, is working only in the Vilavankod taluk while the other is working in the other taluks.

MR K .P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is there an agency in the Vilavankod taluk under the Sanitary Department to furnish data about births and deaths?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say positively. I claim notice.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know what the work of these functionaries is?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): So far as vital statistics are concerned, the Sanitary Assistants under the Epidemiologist attend to the registration of deaths from epidemics such as cholera and small-pox within their jurisdiction.

Establishment of a Land Mortgage Bank.

74. MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any, and, if so, what proposals have been received from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for the establishment of a Land Mortgage Bank as stated in the Financial Secretary's statement made in Karkatakam 1106, and, if not, what other steps the Government have taken in the matter; and

(*b*) how the Government propose to raise the necessary funds for starting the business of the bank?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The question of starting a Land Mortgage Bank is under the consideration of the Government and final orders on the subject will issue shortly.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the member please read my question and then give an answer?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The answer has been given after reading the question.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): My question is whether any proposals have been received from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for the establishment of a Land Mortgage Bank?

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